

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A composition for forming a fabric by spraying onto a supporting surface, the composition comprising fibers, a binder and a diluent in
5 which the binder is dissolved and the fibers are dispersed and wherein the diluent has a boiling point of not more than 70°C.
2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder is a polymer.
- 10 3. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder has a glass transition temperature (T_g) of at least 15°C.
4. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the binder has a glass transition temperature of not more than 200°C.
- 15 5. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder has a molecular weight of from 15 000 to 200 000.
6. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder is
20 selected from the group consisting of: poly vinylacetate, poly vinylbutyrate, natural latex, and poly vinylalcohol.
7. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein at least 80% of the fibers have a length of at least 0.02mm.
- 25 8. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein at least 80% of the fibers have a length not more than 10mm.
9. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein substantially
30 all the fibers have a length in the range 0.02 to 0.15mm.

10. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the fibers comprise at least 40% polymeric fibers.

5 11. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of fibers: binder is in the range 5: 1 to 1: 5.

12. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is selected from the group consisting of: water, C 1 to 12 alcohols, ketones and esters.

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13. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is selected from the group consisting of: methanol, ethanol, butanol, acetone, ethyl acetate and water.

15 14. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is non-toxic.

15. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one agent selected from the group
20 consisting of: adhesive, dye, physiologically active ingredient, fragrance, powder, oil, emulsifying agent and propellant.

16. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition has a viscosity in the range 10 mPas to 10 Pas.

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17. (Withdrawn) An apparatus comprising a container containing the composition according to claim 1 and a device capable of producing a spray of the composition from the container.

30 18. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the device capable of producing a spray has a nozzle with a diameter of 0.05 to 2mm.

19. (Withdrawn) A non-woven fabric produced by spraying a composition according to claim 1, wherein the fabric comprises a solid binder and fibers bound by the binder.

5 20. (Withdrawn) A fabric according to claim 19, wherein the fibers lie substantially in parallel with the plane of the fabric.

21. (Withdrawn) A fabric according to claim 19, wherein the fibers in the fabric are conjugated and the conjugated fibers are longer than the fibers in the composition.

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22. (Withdrawn) A fabric according to claim 21, wherein the conjugated fibers are at least 1mm.

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23. (Withdrawn) An article comprising a non-woven fabric according to claim 19.

24. (Withdrawn) An article according to claim 23, wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of: a piece of clothing, furniture and millinery item.

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